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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN FASCELL'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON  
US-BAHAMIAN RELATIONS

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I HAVE WRITTEN AND WILL BE SENDING BY CLASSIFIED POUCH  
ON AUG 23, THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER.  
THIS IS TO REQUEST THAT IN THE MEANTIME, IN THE INTEREST  
OF A PROMPT RESPONSE, THE TEXT BE GIVEN TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR REVIEW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

OUR EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE LETTER, DATED  
AUG 17, 1978, WHICH CONGRESSMAN DANTE FASCELL, OF  
FLORIDA, HAS FORWARDED TO YOU CONCERNING OUR GOVERNMENT'S  
RELATIONS WITH THE BAHAMAS.  
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CERTAINLY I SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN FASCELL'S JUDGEMENT  
THAT A PERSONAL VISIT WITH YOU BY PRIME MINISTER  
PINDLING WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TOWARD HASTENING SETTLE-  
MENT OF SEVERAL ISSUES BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS;  
HOWEVER, I DEFINITELY DO NOT SHARE HIS OPINION THAT  
"... RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE

BAHAMAS ARE NOT AS CLOSE AS THEY SHOULD BE." IN MY JUDGEMENT, AND IN THAT OF OTHERS WHO HAVE OBSERVED THIS SITUATION LONGER THAN I, WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP AND, I AM PROUD TO SAY, A CLOSER ONE THAN THOSE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE ENJOYED FOR MANY YEARS.

CONGRESSMAN FASCELL STATES, "IN ORDER TO END ANIMOSITY BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS ..." MR. PRESIDENT, WE HERE ARE UNAWARE THAT THERE IS ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS. WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE SOME DIFFERENCES, BUT BY NO MEANS SHOULD THE ATMOSPHERE BE CONSTRUED AS ONE OF ANIMOSITY.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT WHEN PRIME MINISTER PINDLING VISITED WASHINGTON IN THE FALL OF 1977, ONE OF OUR JOINT CONCERNS WAS THE FISHERIES ISSUE. IT REMAINS SO. IT IS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT WITH THE BAHAMIANS AND THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON IT AT THIS TIME, UNTIL OTHER ITEMS SUCH AS ECONOMIC OCEAN BOUNDARIES, POSSIBLE ECONOMIC AID, AND BASE AGREEMENTS ARE SETTLED.

CONGRESSMAN FASCELL GOES ON TO SAY, "I URGE YOUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN RESTORING US-BAHAMIAN RELATIONS TO A SOUND FOOTING". WHILE I WELCOME YOUR OWN INVOLVEMENT IN OUR PROBLEMS HERE, AND WHILE I CONCUR THAT A PERSONAL MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND PRIME MINISTER PINDLING WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, I DO WANT TO STRESS THAT I CONSIDER US-BAHAMIAN RELATIONS ON AN EXCELLENT FOOTING, AND QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THAT INDICATED IN CONGRESSMAN FASCELL'S LETTER OF AUG 17, 1978.

WITH BEST WISHES TO YOU PERSONALLY,  
ALWAYS SINCERELY,  
END TEXT.  
SCHWARTZ

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